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Dear Sir:

Reply to Restriction Requirement

This is a reply to the Restriction Requirement dated November 16, 2001 setting a one (1) month statutory period for response. Please enter the following remarks into the record.

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 28 and 53 through 55 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner suggests that claim 54 is generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising peptide fragments of: a) α -actinin; b) troponin I; c)

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